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Egypt

Expulsion of Otto Resser

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12 August 1953

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A German source with good contacts in the Arab League. (F).

1. Otto Resser entered Egypt in April 1953. In view of the diplomatic relations between Egypt and Germany, there was hesitation over granting his request for a residence permit and employment as an instructing officer. He was, however, given time to try to reach an understanding, elsewhere.
2. Resser left for Beirut and Damascus, where he entered under another name. However, in view of the opposition already existing toward the group of German advisers there, he had no chance of securing employment.
3. When he came back to Egypt, he was granted a permit allowing him to stay until he could arrange a journey to Spain or South America. This was on assurances given by Otto Sherrony. Since then, Resser has been living in house arrest.
4. In the second half of July, Resser made a business arrangement, calling for the delivery of Austrian machine tools to Egypt. It is not clear whether he himself went to Austria to arrange this. There has been a good deal of talk in the press about this episode, but it has been contradictory and needs the clarification above given.

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